

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION**

**PATTERSON-UTI DRILLING  
COMPANY, LLC**

**APPELLANT,**

**vs.**

**TXCO RESOURCES INC., et al.**

**APPELLEES**

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**CIVIL ACTION No. 09-654-FB**

**(On Appeal from the United States  
Bankruptcy Court for the Western  
District of Texas, Case No. 09-51807-rbk)**

**ORAL ARGUMENT REQUESTED**

Patterson-UTI Drilling Company, LLC respectfully request the Court to hold oral arguments regarding this appeal prior to the time for confirmation of the Debtor's Plan of Reorganization. Equity requires that the Appellant be heard before it is deprived of its day in court by a Plan of Reorganization which would render the relief sought herein moot. The issue to be resolved by the Court in this appeal is neither complex nor novel.

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